

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF
WHEATLAND, CALIFORNIA
HONORING OCTOBER 2009
AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, in the City of Wheatland, women and children are victims of violence each year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wheatland is committed to restoring the first civil right-the right to freedom from fear in our own homes; and

WHEREAS, the problems of domestic violence are not confined to any group or groups of people but cross all economic, racial, affectional preference, and social barriers, thereby affecting society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in our quest to impose sanctions on those who break the law by perpetrating violence, we must also meet the needs of battered women and their children who often suffer grave financial, physical, and psychological losses; and

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, and security, often leaving an imprint of fear and hostility; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the important work done by domestic violence programs, in cooperation with Casa de Esperanza, Inc., I, Enita Elphick, Mayor of the City of Wheatland and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

We urge all citizens, agencies, and businesses to actively proclaim that, **VICTIMS DO NOT HAVE TO WALK ALONE, STAND UP, SPEAK OUT**, and support the efforts of domestic violence prevention, intervention and treatment programs.

Enita Elphick, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
Lisa J. Thomason, City Clerk